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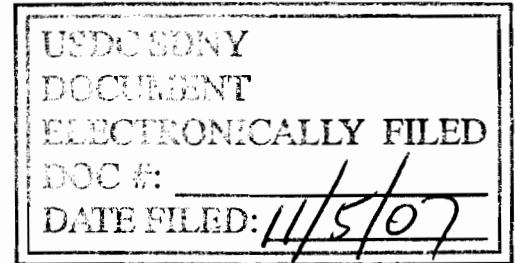
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**BY HAND**

Honorable Gerard E. Lynch  
United States District Judge  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 910  
New York, NY 10007-1581



**Re: In re Refco Capital Markets, Ltd. Brokerage Customer Sec. Litig.,  
06 Civ. 643 (GEL)**

**VR Global Partners, L.P. et al. v. Phillip R. Bennett, et al., 07 Civ.  
8686 (GEL)**

Honorable Judge Lynch:

We represent defendant Grant Thornton LLP ("Grant Thornton") in the above-referenced actions. On October 31, 2007, the Court filed an Order ("Order") setting forth a schedule extending the time to file opposition papers to the motion to consolidate filed by Lead Plaintiffs in *In re Refco Capital Markets, Ltd. Brokerage Customer Securities Litigation*, 06 Civ. 643 (GEL) ("Consolidation Motion").

It is Grant Thornton's understanding that the Order extends the time for all parties to file opposition papers to the Consolidation Motion. To the extent the Order does not address the time for defendants to respond, Grant Thornton respectfully joins in the request by counsel to Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. and related persons and entities (by letter to Your Honor, dated November 1, 2007) for an extension of time from November 1, 2007 up to and including November 14, 2007 to file any opposition papers to the Consolidation Motion. \*

This is Grant Thornton's first request for an extension of this deadline. Counsel for Lead Plaintiffs do not oppose this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Counsel of Record (By E-mail)

**\*SO ORDERED**

GERARD E. LYNCH, U.S.D.J.

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